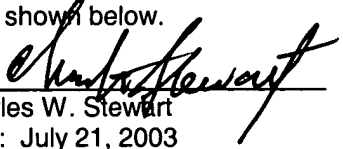


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RESPONSE

This paper is in response to the Examiner's restriction requirement mailed July 2, 2003.

The Examiner has restricted the application to one of the following inventions.

Group I.

Claims 1-18, drawn to a catalyst composition, classified in class 502, subclass 232+.

Group II.

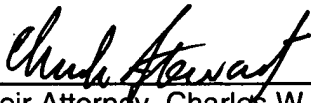
Claims 19-20, drawn to a process for removing arsenic from a petroleum fraction, classified in class 208, subclass 251R.

Applicant hereby provisionally elects, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-18.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to use her discretion as permitted under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and withdraw the restriction requirement. It is submitted that there will be no additional burden to the Examiner to examine both Groups of claims; because, a patentability search for one Group of claims will necessarily entail a search of the same art areas as for the other Group of claims.

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